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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Divisional Patent Application of )  
Cécile CHARTIER et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Div. of Application No.: 08/682,794 ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Div. Filed: December 21, 1999 )  
For: METHOD FOR THE )  
PREPARATION OF VIRAL )  
VECTOR BY INTERMOLECULAR )  
HOMOLOGOUS RECOMBINATION )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application  
as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please insert the following paragraph after the title of the invention on page 1 of the  
specification:

--This application is a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/467,952, filed on  
December 21, 1999, which in turn is a divisional of Application Serial No. 08/682,794,  
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